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PARSONS MAN PLEADS GUILTY IN SOUTHEAST KANSAS DRUG RING CASE

KANSAS CITY, Kan. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced that **David Robison, 51, Parsons**, entered a guilty plea Sept. 14, 2004, before U.S. District Judge G. Thomas Van Bebber to one count of **aiding and abetting distribution of more than five grams of cocaine base**.

Melgren said that Robison admitted at his plea that on April 29, 2002, he accompanied a co-defendant, Adam Davis, to a parking lot in Parsons, Kan., where the men sold 5.02 grams of a mixture or substance containing cocaine base (crack cocaine) to a person who is cooperating with investigators. The cooperating individual set up the meeting by contacting the men on a pager. At the meeting the cooperating individual told the men he wanted to purchase a quarter ounce of crack cocaine and said he could pay \$400 for it.

Melgren said Robison and Davis were two of 18 people charged as part of a two-and-a-half-year investigation into distribution of crack cocaine in southeast Kansas by a number of law enforcement agencies.

Melgren commended the work of the Kansas Bureau of Investigation, the Parsons Police Department, the Labette County Sheriff's Office, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Internal Revenue Service, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms, the Oklahoma Highway Patrol, the Coffeyville Police Department, the Winfield Police Department, the Joplin, Mo. Police Department, the Labette County Attorney's Office and the Cowley County Attorney's Office in this investigation and Assistant U.S. Attorney Scott Rask in the Prosecution.